

Contact details

Multidisciplinary Diagnostic Centre (MDC)

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(excluding Bank Holidays)

Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre

Situated at the main entrance of the Lister Hospital, the centre provides information both as a drop-in centre and by a telephone helpline for any questions relating to cancer.

Monday to Friday, 10am - 4pm
(excluding Bank Holidays)

Telephone: **01438 284657 / 07554 436746**

Additional information

The MDC clinic is usually held on Wednesday mornings or Friday afternoons at the Lister Hospital and is situated on Level 3, Yellow Zone, Area 11.



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Patient Information

Your referral to the
Multidisciplinary
Diagnostic Centre
(MDC)

Important information about
your appointment



What is the Multidisciplinary Diagnostic Centre (MDC)?

The MDC is a clinic that has been set up to investigate vague symptoms that may be a sign of a number of conditions, including cancer.

Why have I been referred urgently to the MDC?

You have been referred to the MDC at Lister Hospital because your GP feels your symptoms urgently need further investigation. There are many conditions your symptoms may be linked to, including the possibility of cancer.

Does this mean I have cancer?

Having an urgent referral does not necessarily mean you have cancer. Most people who have an urgent referral don't have cancer. You have been referred because you need to see a specialist or have some investigations done quickly to help find out what is wrong with you.

You will need to be available for diagnostic tests in the next two weeks and attend on the date given

What happens next?

Please check that your GP Practice has your current contact details, including your mobile phone number (if you have one) and your correct postal address.

The hospital will call you to arrange a telephone clinic appointment with the MDC nurse specialist to go through your symptoms.

Your case will then be discussed with the MDC consultant and you will receive a telephone call from the MDC nurse specialist updating you about the plan going forward. We aim to see you in clinic post investigations but you may get a call asking you to come to clinic before this if a face to face review is needed.

Your appointment

Once you have been given your appointment to see the MDC consultant, it is very important that you attend. Please call the MDC nurse specialist **immediately** if you are unable to keep your appointment, you will then need to arrange an alternative appointment.

Your test results

The results arising from any investigations will be discussed with you and explained. If no cause for your symptoms can be found, you will be referred back to your GP. If you are diagnosed with cancer, you will be given the relevant information by the hospital and referred to the appropriate consultant. You will also receive details of any further information and support you may need.

Questions

Please contact the MDC nurse specialist if you have any questions - contact details are on the next page of this leaflet. If there is no immediate answer, please leave a message and we will call you back.

Please use this space to write down any questions you may like to ask: